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### **SCPS FOUNDATION RECEIVES HFUW GRANT**

(SANFORD, FL) A Heart of Florida United Way (HFUW) grant in the amount of \$80,879 awarded to the Foundation for Seminole County Public Schools (SCPS) for the Goldsboro neighborhood's Last Best Chance Program will make it possible for high-need, at risk youth in the Sanford, FL community to continue to find a place of refuge from high stress family situations as well as the unhealthy, risky temptations found on streets plagued with poverty, unemployment and crime.

The Last Best Chance Program offered free of charge at the Dr. Velma Hayes Williams Center is a motivating resource for students and their families, providing them educational, social and emotional support and most importantly, hope and confidence in their ability to achieve a better life for themselves.

The grant will fund critical tools and services for students, including a state-certified school guidance counselor to provide one-on-one support, as well as guidance to parents/guardians on college readiness topics such as high school graduation requirements, college and/or career planning, college preparation exams (i.e. Scholastic Aptitude Test –SAT and American College Testing – ACT exams), college application preparation and student financial assistance (i.e. Free Application for Federal Student Aid – FAFSA). The LBC program provides a pathway for students, which leads to recovery of credits, graduation from high school and preparation for college and/or career.

With the HFUW grant, The Foundation will continue to be able to fund The Last Best Chance program for the youth of the Goldsboro community and ensure they have a safe, supportive environment and the chance to make promising choices for our community's future.

#### **Foundation for Seminole County Public Schools:**

The Foundation is a direct support organization to Seminole County Public Schools that serves to fund innovation in learning that normally wouldn't be paid for with public funds. Since inception, The Foundation has raised more than \$20 million to help ensure that today's students become tomorrow's productive members of society. The Foundation funds and/or manages approximately 35 programs that align with our three priorities: 1.) Addressing issues that inhibit a student's opportunity to receive a quality education; 2.) Programs that enhance the learning environment and improve student performance; and 3.) Professional education and acknowledgement to help sustain our A-rated, high performing school district 14 years running. Visit: [www.FoundationSCPS.org](http://www.FoundationSCPS.org) or call 407.320.0176 for more information.

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